

Esther

Waterford Mennonite Church

July 13, 2025

Prelude		Elvina Schmidt
Gathering songs		Vyron Schmidt
	<i>God of Grace (vs 1,2,4)</i>	VT 716
	<i>The Lord Is My Light</i>	VT 437
	<i>Longing for Light (vs 1,2,5)</i>	VT 715
Welcome & Call to worship		Lyle Miller
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Rosanna Kauffmann
Song	<i>God, Give My Faith Like a Child (vs 2)</i>	VT 519
Song	<i>There Is a Line of Women</i>	VT 546
Scripture	Esther 4:5-5:1	Cori Chupp, Lyle & Bonnie Miller
Sermon	"Who Knows?: Glass Ceilings and Genocide"	Monica Miller**
Song of response	<i>There's a Wild Hope in the Wind</i>	VT 828
Congregational prayer		
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>May the Face of God Shine on You</i>	VT 844

VT = Voices Together; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

**Monica Miller is a disabled person and former MC USA pastor.

Prayers

Pray for open minds and hearts of the *participants in* Mennonite Mission Network's *Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage* as they retrace the courageous journeys of faith communities and individuals who helped enslaved people find their way to emancipation.

For God's grace for *Prairie Street Mennonite Church* as they seek solidarity with their neighbors.

Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour.

Our Mission Statement

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we
***Welcome** everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,
Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the
Holy Spirit, and
Call out each other’s gifts for the joyful work of
God’s reconciling mission.*

We celebrate that everyone is created in God’s image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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